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SUBJECT: TWO VERSIONS OF DEMICHEV'S PRE-ELECTION SPEECH

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1. EMBASSY CALLS ATTENTION TO ANALYTICAL OPPORTUNITIES AND PROBLEMS POSED BY CURRENT ROUND OF PRE-ELECTION SPEECHES BY TOP SOVIET LEADERSHIP. SPEECHES OPENED MAY 28 AND HIGHLY-EDITED VERSIONS APPEAR IN PRAVDA. IN SEVERAL CASES, FULL TEXTS OF SPEECHES ARE BEING PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PRESS WHICH IS NOT EASILY AVAILABLE TO FOREIGNERS. THIS WAS THE CASE WITH DEMICHEV'S SPEECH; EDITED VERSION APPEARED IN JUNE 1 EDITION OF PRAVDA, AND TEXT APPEARED SAME DAY IN MOSCOW OBLAST NEWSPAPER LENINSKOYE ZNAMYA (LZ).

2. MAIN CONCLUSION IS THAT THE HARD-HITTING, IDEOLOGICALLY-ORIENTED SPEECH BY PARTY SECRETARY DEMICHEV (FOR IDEOLOGY) WAS GIVEN TO THE LOCAL FAITHFUL "WITH THE BARK ON" BUT WAS CAREFULLY EDITED BY PRAVDA TO AVOID OFFENDING WESTERN SENSIBILITIES.

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3. FOR EXAMPLE, PRAVDA MERELY STATED THAT DEMICHEV "CHARACTERIZED IN DETAIL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND GAVE AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEW FEATURES AND PARTICULARITIES OF THE DEVELOPED SOCIALIST SOCIETY WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN OUR COUNTRY." THE LZ PASSAGE READS AS FOLLOWS: "OUR COUNTRY HAS ACHIEVED SUCH A LEVEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT WE DO NOT FEAR ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OR PRESSURE FROM ABROAD. MOREOVER, NOW MANY COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD DO NOT EVEN THINK OF SELF-DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT OUR AID. THE STRENGTH OF OUR ECONOMY ALSO GUARANTEES THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEFENSE. NEVER IN OUR ENTIRE HISTORY HAS THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY BEEN SO RELIABLY SECURED AS NOW. THE MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD -- THE USA -- HAS BEEN FORCED TO TALK WITH US AS "EQUALS"."

4. DEMICHEV'S LONG LIST OF THE ILLS OF CAPITALIST SOCIETIES--DYING CITIES, INFLATION, ECONOMIC INSTABILITY, FALLING STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE WORKERS, AND SPIRITUAL CRISIS--IS MISSING FROM THE PRAVDA VERSION AS WELL AS HIS DENUNCIATION OF WESTERN "FREEDOMS." HOWEVER, PRAVDA DID PICK UP HIS REMARKS ON THE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN WAGED BY THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND THE COLD WAR AS WELL AS THEIR YES-MEN.

5. THE PRAVDA VERSION OF DEMICHEV'S DEFINITION OF DETENTE OMITTS A LONG SECTION WITH CRUSADING ANTI-IMPERIALIST PASSAGE. BECAUSE OF CURRENT INTEREST IN SOVIET DETENTE POLICY, WE QUOTE THE PASSAGE FROM LZ IN FULL: "OUR PARTY COMBINES THE STRUGGLE FOR A FIRM, JUST PEACE WITH CONSISTENT DEFENCE OF THE CAUSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS, AND IT RESOLUTELY ACTS AGAINST IMPERIALISM, AGGRESSION, COLONIALISM, AND NEOCOLONIALISM. SOCIALISM AND THE FORCES OF SOCIAL PROGRESS NOW EXERT THE DETERMINING INFLUENCE ON THE COURSE OF WORLD HISTORY. GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, OUR MOTHERLAND, THE COUNTRY OF GREAT OCTOBER, EXTENDS FRATERNAL SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLES WHO ARE STRUGGLING AGAINST IMPERIALISM. THANKS TO THIS SUPPORT THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WON VICTORY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORCES OF AGGRESSION. THANKS TO THIS SUPPORT THE ARAB PEOPLES HAVE ACHIEVED IMPORTANT RESULTS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. THANKS TO THIS SUPPORT THE PEOPLES OF ALL CONTINENTS ARE NOW RAISING EVER HIGHER THEN BANNER OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE. WE PROCEED FROM THE FACT THAT PEACE CANNOT BE BASED BF SOCIAL INJUSTICE, COLONIAL OPPRESSION, AND EXPLOITATION. A FIRM PEACE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SYSTEM

OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BASED ON THE EQUAL COLLABORATION
OF ALL PEOPLES--THIS IS THE SINGLE PROCESS OF DETENTE,
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL
COEXISTENCE OF STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS."

6. THE UNNAMED DARK FORCES OF REACTON WHO HAVE BEEN
JOINED BY THE MAOISTS IN OPPOSITION TO DETENTE IN THE
PRAVDA VERSION ARE SPELLED OUT IN LZ AS THE RABID
ADHEREENTS OF THE AGGRESSIVE NATO BLOC, THE MILITARY-
INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, ZIONISTS, RACISTS, AND NEOFASCISTS.
DEMICHEV'S FULL TEXT IS MUCHSHARSHER TOWARD THE MAOISTS
THAN THE PRAVDA VERSION.

7. THUS IT APPEARS THAT ANALYSTS WHO RELY SOLELY ON
PRAVDA VERSION ARE MSSING THE STEMWINDERS SERVED UP TO
HOME AUDIENCES, ALTHOUGH DEMICHEG'S SPEECH MAY BE A SPECIAL
CASE IN THAT HIS SUBJECT OF IDEOLOGY IS ONE WHICH GRATES
MOST HARSHLY ON FOREIGN EARS. EMBASSY WILL ENDEAVOR TO
SECURE FULL TEXTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BUT PROSPECTS ARE
ADMITTEDLY POOR FOR SPEECHES GIVEN IN THE OUTLYING AREAS
OF THE USSR.
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